

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for providing selectable characters within a user interface comprising:

determining an operating mode of a communication  
5 device;

receiving an input associated with a selected input key;

determining a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode; and

10 displaying the group of characters within the user interface.

2. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

displaying a first character of the group of  
15 characters within a first portion of the user interface;

displaying the group of characters proximal to the first character within a second portion of the user interface; and

20 highlighting the first character displayed within the second portion of the user interface.

3. The method of Claim 2, further comprising:

receiving a second input;

25 highlighting the second character within the group of characters in response to the record input; and

displaying the second character within the first portion of the user interface.

4. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:  
horizontally displaying the group of characters  
within a second portion of the user interface; and  
centrally displaying a cursor relative to the second  
5 portion of the user interface within a first portion of  
the user interface, the cursor displaying a first  
highlighted character displayed within the group of  
characters.

10 5. The method of Claim 1, further comprising  
segmenting the group of characters displayed within the  
user interface.

15 6. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:  
determining a display mode associated with  
displaying the group of characters within the user  
interface; and

displaying the group of characters based on the  
determined display mode.

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7. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:  
receiving a second input associated with the input  
key;

25 determining a time interval based on the second  
input; and

calculating a time-out period using the time  
interval.

8. A user interface for displaying selectable characters comprising:

a first display portion operable to display a group of characters in response to an input;

5 a second display portion operable to display one of the characters proximal to the first display portion; and

an input device operably coupled to the first display portion and the second display portion.

10 9. The user interface of Claim 8, further comprising at least one operating mode associated with providing the group of characters.

15 10. The user interface of Claim 8, wherein the user interface comprises a display mode operable to display the group of characters within the first and second display portions.

20 11. The user interface of Claim 8, wherein the display mode comprises:

a horizontal display operable to display the group of characters within the first display portion; and

a cursor centrally displayed relative to the first display portion within the second display portion.

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12. The user interface of Claim 8, further comprising an algorithm operable to determine a time-out period based on user interaction with the user interface.

14. The user interface of Claim 8, further comprising selectable soft keys displayed within a portion of the user interface.

15. A communication device for providing a communication address comprising:

means for determining an operating mode of a communication device;

5 means for receiving an input associated with a selected input key;

means for determining a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode; and

10 means for displaying the group of characters within the user interface.

16. The communication device of Claim 15, further comprising:

15 means for displaying a first character of the group of characters within a first portion of the user interface;

means for displaying the group of characters proximal to the first character within a second portion of the user interface; and

20 means for highlighting the first character displayed within the second portion of the user interface.

17. The communication device of Claim 16, further comprising:

25 means for receiving a second input to select a second character within the group of characters;

means for highlighting the second character within the group of characters; and

30 means for displaying the second character within the first portion of the user interface.

18. The communication device of Claim 15, further comprising:

means for horizontally displaying the group of characters within a second portion of the user interface;

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means for centrally displaying a cursor relative to the second portion of the user interface within a first portion of the user interface, the cursor displaying a first highlighted character displayed within the group of characters.

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19. The communication device of Claim 15, further comprising:

means for receiving a second input associated with selecting the input key;

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means for determining a time interval based on the second input; and

means for calculating a time-out period in association with receiving the input.

20. A medium comprising encoded logic for displaying selectable characters operable to:

determine an operating mode of a communication device;

5 receive an input associated with a selected input key;

determine a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode; and

10 display the group of characters within the user interface.

21. The medium of Claim 20, further comprising logic operable to:

15 display a first character of the group of characters within a first portion of the user interface;

display the group of characters proximal to the first character within a second portion of the user interface; and

20 highlight the first character displayed within the second portion of the user interface.

22. The medium of Claim 21, further comprising logic operable to:

25 receive a second input to select a second character within the group of characters;

highlight the second character within the group of characters; and

display the second character within the first portion of the user interface.

23. The medium of Claim 20, further comprising logic operable to:

horizontally display the group of characters within a second portion of the user interface; and

5 centrally display a cursor relative to the second portion of the user interface within a first portion of the user interface, the cursor displaying a first highlighted character displayed within the group of characters.

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24. The medium of Claim 20, further comprising logic operable to:

determine a display mode associated with displaying the group of characters within the user interface; and

15 display the group of characters based on the determined display mode.

25. The medium of Claim 20, further comprising logic operable to:

20 receive a second input associated with the input key;

determine a time interval based on the second input;

and

calculate a time-out period using the time interval.

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26. The medium of Claim 20, further comprising logic operable to:

determine a time-out period associated with displaying the group of characters;

5 highlight a first character within the group of characters based on the time period; and

highlight a second character within the group of characters.